

Short Walk

Stanfields, Burslem Greenway & Cycle Routes 55 & 5, returning to Stanfields

Distance:	Approximately: 2½ Miles					
Duration:	50 minutes					
Total Steps:	6,298					
Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F	F to A
Duration (Mins)	13	5	7	10	8	7
No. of Steps	1,870	574	610	1,220	1,032	992

What will I see...

Starting from the junction between Greenbank and Thornley Road, **A** on the right hand pavement (sign on left pavement: Welcome to Stoke-on-Trent), walk up the hill past Sherwin and Norris Roads and continue over the brow of the hill to a crossroads with Haywood Road and Dolly's Lane. Cross Haywood Road and continue on along the right hand pavement past the CCTV camera on a tall blue post, past the allotments, past the terraced housing and on to the corner of Hamil Road. **B**

Turn right down Hamil Road and continue down the hill, crossing several side streets until you come to Vale Café, next to Holy Trinity Parish Church, opposite Burslem Park Gates. **C** Cross Hamil Road and walk through the gates into Burslem Park. Once inside, follow the path forward until it meets with a wide central path; the bandstand area is straight ahead of you. Turn right and follow the main central path all the way down past the children's play park on your right and the bandstand on your left, to the lake. From here, if you keep the lake on your right you will see a path leading off to Moorland Road gates, on your left. Leave Burslem Park, turning right towards Burslem and walk down Moorland Road to the greenway, approx 100yds; enter the Greenway, **D** and turn left onto Cycle Route 5.



Walk on along Cycle Route 5 through two corrugated tunnels to a green valley where there is a marsh on your right, and then on your left. You will pass under another corrugated tunnel, follow the path down, terrace houses on your left and shrubs on your right, to a small wooden bridge. Cross this bridge and then turn sharp right at the side of Dynamics Health and Fitness Club. **E** At the back of this building you will come to a Tarmac path, follow this path up the hill until you see a series of sports courts on your right, here the path is joined by another path leading up into the housing estate on your left; ignore this path and continue upwards with an open football field on your left and the enclosed Port Vale practice pitch on your right. At the top of Port Vale practice pitch the path turns sharply right and then sharply left, follow the path and it will bring you back to Dolly's Lane. **F**

Turn left onto Dolly's Lane and walk up the incline past the CCTV camera. At the crossroads, cross Haywood Road onto Thornley Road and continue over the brow of the hill and down towards Greenbank Road and your starting point. **A**

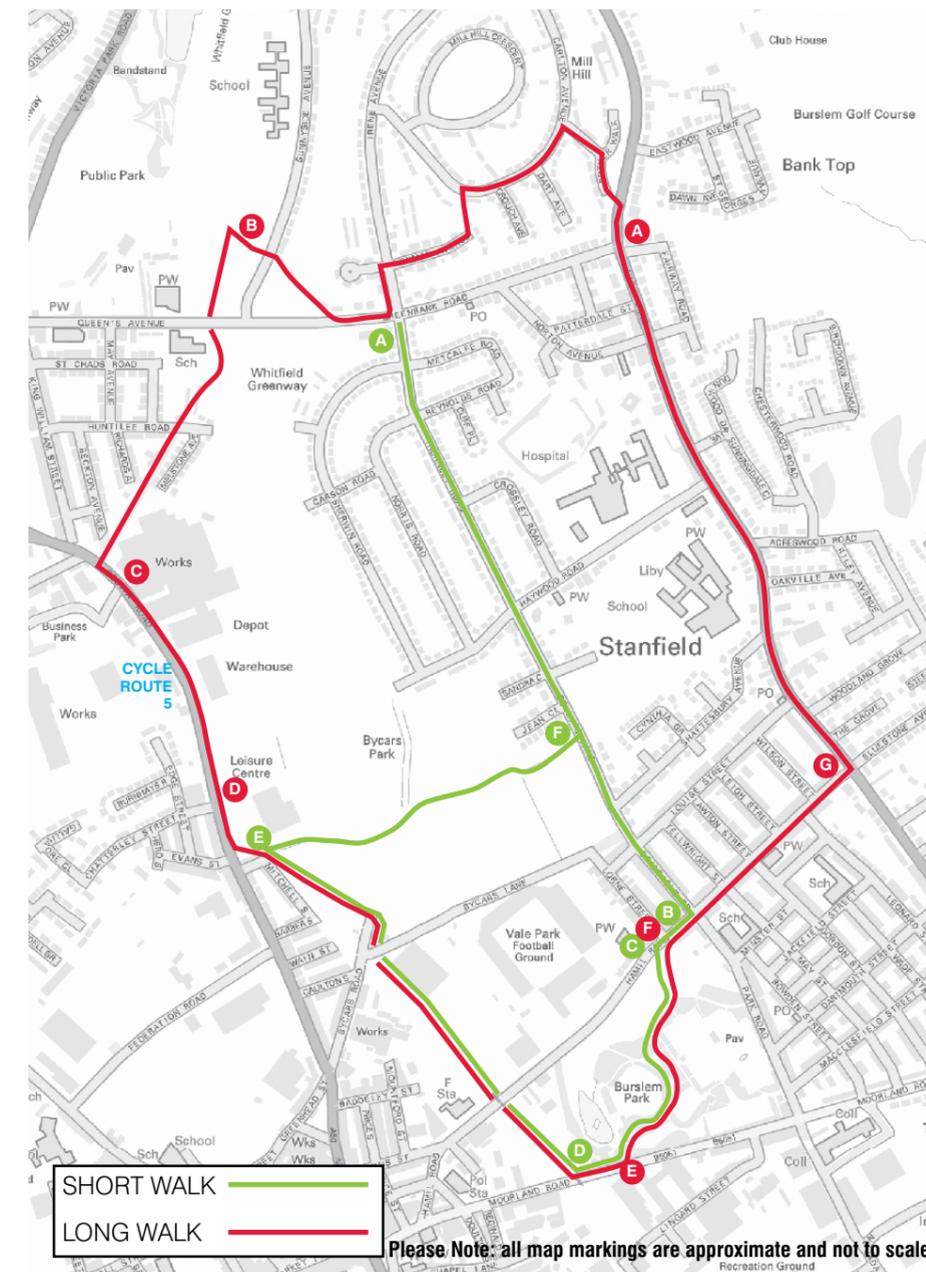
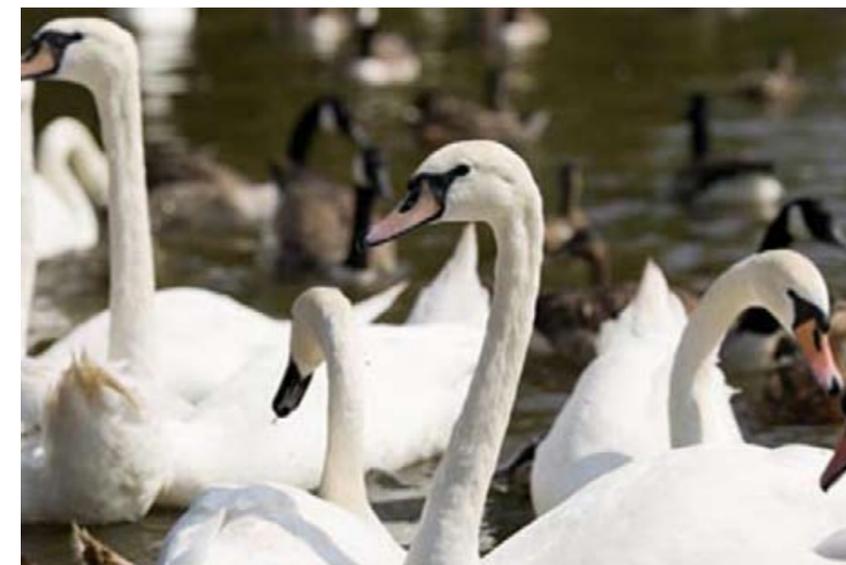
Remember

You should be aware that both walks contain up hill stretches of varying intensity, if in doubt about your general level of fitness, consult your GP prior to undertaking these walks.

Toilets are available in Dimensions (E) and also in Burslem Park (C); opening times are 08:00 to 16:00 Monday to Saturday. This information was correct at time of going to press.

Hazards to look out for...

Low hanging branches on some of the Cycle Routes, the odd pot hole, and muddy patches on paths when passing through damp or wet areas. Be aware of traffic when crossing roads, and if you bring children along with you on the walks, please be mindful of the danger; keep a close eye on them when near the water.



Long Walk

Mill Hill Circular route taking in Burslem Park, Cycle Routes 55 & 5, Hamil Road & High Lane

Distance:	Approximately: 4½ Miles
Duration:	75 minutes
Total Steps:	9,741

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F	F to G	G to A
Duration (Mins)	15	13	5	13	6	8	15
No. of Steps	2,452	2,018	442	1,327	618	911	1,973

What will I see...

From the road junction at the top of Greenbank Road, **A** turn left onto High Lane. Walk along the pavement until you come to a bungalow on your left (No.607). Take the flagged path that leaves High Lane going to Rother Walk and continue until you meet Eamont Avenue, turn left into Eamont Avenue and walk down to the junction with Carlton Avenue. Turn left into Carlton Avenue and walk down the hill with the road on your right. Cross Dart Avenue and Crouch Avenue to the bungalow (No. 34). Immediately after the bungalow turn left onto a small path, go through a stile and continue to Norman Avenue. Turn right down Norman Avenue to the junction with Irene Avenue. From here, cross over Irene Avenue then turn left, and continue to the junction with Greenbank Road. Turn right onto Greenbank Road and walk on past the houses on your right until you reach a small path going off diagonally towards Sunnyside Avenue; follow this small path to Sunnyside Avenue and across the road, go through chicanes and join the Greenway. **B**

Follow the path to a T junction with Cycle Route 5, turn left and walk towards Greenbank Road Bridge, once through the bridge there are houses on your left and a car park on your right. Go through the stile onto a small unnamed side road. Cross Huntley Road into a cut that passes the backs of houses on your left and garages on your right, follow this path all the way to Scotia Road. **C** Turn left onto Scotia Road, Dudsons

will be on your left, and KeyLine on your right. Continue along Scotia Road, passing Netto (on your left) and you will come to the entrance to Burslem Greenway, just prior to Dimensions. **D**

Walk onto the Greenway, across Dimensions' Car Park, and continue across a wooden bridge and onto Cycle Route 5; terrace houses on your right and shrubs on your left. Continue along this path through a corrugated tunnel into a green valley with a marsh, initially on your right, but which switches to your left as you walk on. After the second tunnel, the signpost on your right which points towards a path on your left reads Burslem and Stoke-on-Trent College. Take this path to Moorland Road, turn left onto Moorland Road and continue up to a pedestrian crossing; at the crossing turn left into Burslem Park. **E** This is a good place to take a rest, if you need to, as there is plenty of seating and this area of Burslem Park is particularly pleasant.

From the Lodge on your left, follow the wide, central path up the hill; at the top of the hill as the path bears left you will see the bandstand on your right and the children's play park a little way off to your left. Continue up the hill and you will come to a path heading left to Hamil Road, take this path. Once on Hamil Road, you should cross to Vale Café on the same side as Port Vale Football Club. **F**

Turn left and walk up to the top of Hamil Road, passing shop/newsagents en route. At the junction with High Lane, **G** turn left and continue along the pavement passing a 7-11 Store on the next corner - there is also a sandwich shop. A little further along High Lane, you will pass a florists, Haywood High School & Engineering College, Haywood Hospital and a series of shops. When you reach Greenbank Road, cross it to your starting point. **A**

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Points of interest

- Dimensions: The modern, light and friendly centre offers a fantasy themed leisure pool with 'dragon slide', hot spa pools, 'water rapids' and a tropical beach bar.
- On dry land, Dimensions also includes a sports hall, outdoor synthetic football pitches and access to Dynamics Health and Fitness Club. We also have a spinning studio and licensed café bar.
- High Lane, Dolly's Lane and Hamil Road were all named roads on the 1890 OS map when this area was dominated by fields and collieries; to the left was Jackfield Colliery and to the right Bykers Colliery. High Lane was part of the old Hamlet of Sneyd. During the 18th Century, clay and coal was obtained from holes in the streets and sides of lanes where it "outcropped" (rose to the surface) in some areas.
- The City's Sanatorium was located next to what is now the existing Haywood Hospital; it was located roughly where the new Haywood Hospital buildings will stand.

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Two walks around

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